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MEC MCHUNU CALLS FOR CAUTION ON ROAD AS N-11 LADYSMITH ROAD ACCIDENT CLAIMS FIVE LIVES

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has called for extra caution on the road following a road accident that claimed five victims on N11, outside Ladysmith.

According to a report by the Department's Road Traffic Inspectorate (RTI), the accident happened in the early hours of this morning on the N11 in Pepworth.

A driver of a Nissan X-Trail allegedly lost control and the vehicle caught fire, killing all five occupants, who burnt beyond recognition.

MEC Mchunu cautioned all road users, saying the prevailing weather conditions require everyone to adjust the driving habits and be extra vigilant.

"We are saddened by the tragic loss of five people in Ladysmith. We wish to send our deepest condolences to their families. Beyond that, we further appeal to all motorists to adjust to the prevailing weather conditions. It is raining and roads are slippery. We have also ordered our teams to be on the ground and to respond to any emergency situation," said MEC Mchunu.

Two weeks ago MEC Mchunu led a debate at the KZN legislature, where he called on all the people of KwaZulu-Natal to take collective responsibility in ensuring safety on the road.

"As government we will do all we can, including strengthening laws and policies. Currently government is conducting AARTO workshops across provinces as part of preparations for its implementation. This is exciting as it will give more meaning to our endeavour of fighting lawlessness and building a new culture among our road users. We will also be announcing new drastic measures to curb road accidents next month during the October Transport Month programmes," concludes MEC Mchunu.

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